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The special attention of our readers act perpetrated by a press correspond-

ter papers and copied into other jour-

ver Times.

It is the duty of that paper to disby gentlemen associated with the press of this city, that the author of the shameful story is a well known sender of bogus "news" reflecting on the "Mormon" Church and people, but we will not mention names until we are sure we are right. Other dispatches have been wired from this point that were as false as the one now under the fire of general condemnation. That is but a sample of the rest, which are just as unreliable but perhaps not quite so vicious.

The miserable wretch who is engaged in that kind of work merits all the scorn and derision that are now provoked against bim. He need not fear the personal retribution that he deserves, for no one here would harm him or touch him. But he will remain upder the despising and loathing of every decent person, and should be shunned

AN IMPORTANT "IF."

The Rochester, (N. Y.), Democrat and Chronicle commences an argument against Senator Smoot with this sentence: "The authority of the twelve apostles over the consciences and lives of Mormons is practically absolute." It makes this ridiculously false assertion on the authority of statements in the majority report of the committee which, although contrary to the evidence adduced, do not go to the extreme point reached by the Rochester paper. If its premises were correct, and it is true that Reed Smoot "does represent in the Senate a power and an interest regarded by him as greater and more mandatory than the Constitution of the United States," then its conclusion would be logical that "he should be sent home." Certainly, "if." But "if" the assertion of the Rochester paper is untrue, then its entire argument with its conclusion fall flat in the mire with many other anti-"Mormon" fallacies and false-

Nelther the Democrat and Chronicle nor the signers of the majority report of the committee, can find anything concerning the authority of the Twelve Apostles of that Church, nor can anyin the Church, who will admit for a trot of the Twelve Apostles or of any other body of ecclesiasts. The Council clearly and positively in the testimons with authority to regulate the con-It any power over their lives. The affirmation of the Rochester paper is a bit of sheer fiction.

found even in the blased report of the majority of the committee. In spire of of that report convey the notion that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Twelve acts under the direction of the First Presidency as much as any other organization of the Priesthood; and that there is no power vested in, exerrised or claimed over the consciences. or lives of the members, either by the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles

Church. The "Mormon" people have gathered from the leading nations of the world and from every part of this Republic. They came out of the different religous bodies and accepted the principles

or any other organization in the

of the latter-day Gospel from a sincere conviction of its truth. To do so they had to stand on their own independence of thought and action, in the face of popular opinion and the threats, taunts, derision and sometimes forcible hostility of their neighbors and former associates. They forsook their native lands and severed family ties in most instances and traveled thousands of miles to join their co-religionists in a distant land. They are not of the stuff out of which slaves are fashioned. They are under the free institutions of the United States. They claim and exercise the rights of free thought and free will. They yield their liberty to no man or set of men or organization under the sun. Their children, forming the great body of the community in this State, breathe the free air of the grand mountain heights that surround our fruitful vales. They are under no yoke of bondage. They SALT LAKE CUTY, - JUNE 20, 1906 | face a hostile world without fear and without a tremor or a doubt as to the

All the stories about their submission to a "hierarchy" are but echoes of falschoods concocted in this city by as is directed to the expose on another shameless a set of vengeful plotters page of this paper, of a most dastardly against the peace of society as ever cursed a quiet community. Disapent in this city, which has evoked the | pointed politicians, preachers who have detestation and contempt of the entire failed to accomplish anything in their newspaper fraternity here, with the soly | line of life, press writers hired to work exception of the secondrel who is re- for ambitious parvenues, who have sponsible for the outrage. Those feel- begged for the influence of Church digings are shared by the merchants, real | nitaries in vain, and some people who estate men and all classes interested in have accepted the untruths manufac. the welfare of this city and state, ir- jured by the class we have mentioned, respective of creed or party. Non- help to keep up the din of misrepresen-"Mormobs" are even more indignant, if | tation that is sounded through the land, cossible, than the "Mormon" part of | and that is repeated from paper to paper, until public opinion is formed The story sent over the wires to Den- out of mingled nonsense and calumny. No less false and foolish is the report als, that "Mormons" started the fire | that there is "a power and an interest the Tribune composing rooms is so | regarded by Reed Smoot as greater and

utterly without foundation in truth. more mandatory than the Constitution ad, under the circumstances in which of the United States." His duties as a the catastrophe occurred, so palpably Senator are not regulated or directed absurd, that the originator of the cal- by any Church authority or influence, umny appears before the public as idi- There is no attempt on the part of the otic in his extreme depravity. There | Church to which he belongs of any of is no excuse for his baseness or apolo- its authorities to interfere with the gy for his assininity. Nothing but anti- functions of civil government, national "Mormon" hatred and a wilful desire or local. The sphere of the Church and to slander and deceive, account for the | that of the State are separate and disfabrication of his dispatch to the Den- | tinct in the minds and in the acts of the Latter-day Saints. Reed Smoot is as free to perform the duties of the close his name. It is firmly believed | office to which he was elected by constitutional methods, without any dietation or hindrance from his Church associates, as is any Senator or Representative in Congress. There is nothing in the evidence before the committee which proves the contrary.

The opinions of persons who simply echo popular sentiment that has grown out of false rumors and deep prejudice. amount to nothing as evidence. They ought to have no influence on the minds of rational and thoughtful people or papers. Irrefutable facts and testimony show them to be untrue, and time will demonstrate their fallacy. If the assertions made by the Rochester Demoerat and Chronicle were right in letter or in spirit, we would join in its declaration that "Senator Smoot ought to he sent home." But in view of the facts, we fully coincide with the report of the five eminent members of the ittee that he is entitled to his seat. and we are sure that he will fill it to the credit of the State he represents and to the honor of this great nation,

MORE PRESS OPINIONS.

We have a few more press comments on the case of Senator Smoot, as presented in the reports from the committe on privileges and elections, and add them to those already published on this page, feeling assured that they will be of general interest. They afford further illustrations of the correctness of the saying that "Truth will win its way," and that "Time works wonders." Prejudice is hard to overcome and falsehood flourishes for a while, but in the end the right will

The Portland Oregonian, which has always taken the non-"Mormon" side of questions relating in any way to the majority of the people of Utah, yet deals fairly with the reports that have come from the committee in the case of the senior Utah Senator. The followtog is a full copy of an editorial from

"'Assume a virtue if you have it not.'
It seems to be the motto of a group of Senators who have pronounced against Senator Smoot, of Utah, and want to inseat him. Against Smoot, as man, sonal and private character; but he is a member of the Mormon Church. Some Mormons practice polygamy, or have practised it, but Smoot is not one of these. A man must be turned out of the Senate, if any of the members of the Church to which he adheres do wrong. This is the substance of the ctum of the majority of the Sen manittee on elections. Everything at could stir prejudice against the ormone is lugged in to support this is a man of irreproachable charac admit that he has led and is leadof every kind. It is shown hat he never has countenanced or enuraged polygamy, but has done as ich as any one to bring about the

Suppose close inquiry were made to the private character and secret s of the Senators who condemn what one of them could get by quarter such report as the y of the committee, eschewing and pharisalsm, render in Smoot's

Smoot's religious beliefs or Church tions concern nobody but him-No one has a right to pass judg-upon them. At least or at most cannot be more absurd or erros than those of a lot of other pen But it is a fashion of old sinn " recend to saintship, as opportunity cies of their own. For it is to be under stood that such virtue as backs up this raid on Smoot not only stands on froz-en Alps of purity, but would give no quarter to trusts or other plunderers, or to any kind of misbehavior. The deputy is temporary authority, in 'Measure for Measure,' is a type of a lot of 'mighty good people.'"

The Fort Worth Record takes up the majority report without reference to the report of the minerity, and, taking for granted the chief charges against Senator Smoot and the Mormon Church proceeds to comment editorially upon at man's demand may take place, them. It says:

"No Mormon need apply." That is the effect of the majority re-

of the Church, of whom Smoot is one; that the rulers of the Church exercise a controlling influence in political arfairs, and that the 'endowment oath ommits the rulers to enmity against

The first count is no more to be considered, in the face of the authoritative disavowal of the Church and the rapid decline of polygamous practices, than tacit approval of lynching which a nember of Congress might indulge. Po. ygamy is prohibited by an express falling into contempt among Mormon people: it is disappearing as rapidly as s possible with a social institution that eretofore had the sanction of law and he supposed approval of Divine revela-To expect the Church authorities stamp it out instantly is too much ought to be sufficient that they have their faces against it and that the Mormons of the present and the rising generation are thoroughly com-Senator Smoot himself is a monogamist and is on record as consistently using

is influence to suppress the evil. "The finding that the rulers of the Church exercise a controlling influence in political affairs is probably true, and is not such control as is contemplatd in the idea of union of church and tate. There are many cliques in polics, many factions in parties and freuent instances of religious prejudice in public affairs. They are all bad, and he case of the Mormons differs only to being worse. If it is proper to exclude Senator Smoot on this account it is roper to invalidate all Utah elections, tate as well as federid, for the cono all political action in the Mormot, didate

That paper gives the text of the although on its face it looks "feroclous | Mexico. and treasonable," yet "in the light of history it may now be called a figure of speech:" that taking it at its worst. Senator Smoot has since subscribed ealty to the United States in his constitutional oath of office, and to that extent has recanted the Mormon vendetia." The Record then argues that,

"If Smoot is disqualified, every Mormon is disqualified, for the private members of the Church subscribe to all the doctrines which the rulers pro-mulgate. If Smoot may not hold office the Mormon elector should not be al-

Smoot must be held responsible or polygamous crimes which he cannot abate, other senators might as reason-ably be held accountable for the crimes of their constituents which their states fail to punish."

The Great Falls, Montana, Daily Tribune, which is a Democratic paper, deprecates the lining up of certain Senaters apparently on party lines against Reed Smoot, and thinks the alignment of the Democrats on the committee was "without sufficient justification in the evidence produced before the committee" and it fears that "if he be denied his seat in the Senate on the grounds forecasted by the evidence, a very bad precedent indeed would be made and one that is liable to return to plague its authors." That paper then remarks editorially:

"It is worth while reviewing this campaign for the unseating of Reed Smoot from its inception. It com-Smoot from its inception. It com-menced with a number of clergymen and sisters of various religious denominations, hostile to that with which smoot was connected, alleging that he was a polygamist and violator of the law against a plurality of wives, like like fate. There was not a particle of evidence worth the name pr support of that charge, and it was soon substituted in its place. This was to the effect that Reed Smoot owed a higher allegiance to the Mormon Church than he did to the United tates, and that his obligations to the Church were inconsistent with his ob-ligations in the oath of office taken by him as senator. Reduced to its common terms, the argument was that the Mormon Church teaches that the law of God (only to be known through its medium) is to be obeyed before the law of men (made known through government statutes) where the two conflict. It seems to us the argument ate William E. Gladstone once mainained in an argument with Cardinal Manning that a good Catholic could not be a good citizen at the same time, because on questions of morals good Catholic could with which the state dealt in legislaion, and with which the church also dealt, a man must owe his first and highest allegiance to one or the other, and both claimed the supreme right to his obedience. With slight changes he same argument might be fitted to he teachings of the Presbyterian or Methodist churches. In fact, to expel to his religious beliefs is creating a mighty dangerous precedent. That, in substance, seems to us about what the majority of the committee want to do, however their purpose is disguised by

specious reasoning.
"Again, we feel impelled to protest against the action of men and women who have signed monster petitions praying the senate to expel Reed Smoot, and like action taken by hossmoot, and like action taken by hos-tile religious conventions and gather-ings. This is not a matter of legislation, It is a judicial matter, and a very im-portant one at that. The senate is sit-ting as a final court of investigation for action on charges against the eligi-bility of a citizen to represent other bility of a citizen to represent other citizens in a sovereten state. It is gross y improper while they are hearing testimeny and investigating the case to petition them to find a verdict of guilty before the evidence is all in. In any other case involving judicial action in court inferior to the United States enate, were these religious brothers and sisters to present a petition to the jury to find the accused guilty while the case was on trial, the judge would very properly order the petitioners Senator Smoot Is a Republican maeither of which positions meets with admiration or approval with us, and yet we feel like saying most emphaticlly at this time that the prosecution of Senator Smoot has right along appeared to us very much like persecutice will be done him, the State of Utah, and American institutions, if he is expelled on the showing of evidence

A PHYSICIAN'S FAITH.

Dr. Lapponi, the physician of the Pope, is, it is claimed, a "spiritualist." He is said to have issued a book in which he maintains that today we have the proof, not of the probability but the certainty of communication between terrestrial beings and the intellectual and supernatural forces which once had an existence on earth, but which now belong to other worlds unknown to us." The Doctor, we are told, declares it is no longer possible to doubt the reality of the relations between heings of a higher order and man, nor can we question the facility with which | High St., Les Angeles, these beings respond to man's prayers, nor the reality of the phenomena which

The book is said to have made quite a stir in Italy, but just why is not clear. Dr. Lapponi is undoubtedly a good port of the Senate committee on the Catholic, and believes, as do all Chris-fitness of Reed Smoot to sit in the tians, in the reality of the unseen world.

persons to take part in such seances. the Doctor does not appear to be a spiritualist. For that is widely different from the belief in the reality of the world beyond the veil.

To find an eminent physician a firm believer in the reality of the spiritual world may be something to make a note of. For many disciples of Asseulapius are, for some reason or other, crass materialists. They seem unable to believe in anything they cannot dissect. An eminent professor once said: "I have been digging in the cadaver for over twenty years and never found any vestige of a soul." Consequently he refused to believe in its existence. That is the position of many physiclans. Those who, like Lappont-and they are also many-believe though they have not seen, are worthy of all

All paving of roads leads to Moran. The rare days are coming in bunches

Bad whisky constitutes a good deal

of the spirit of anarchy. People who own cats and chickens

shouldn't throw stones. "Distance lends enchantment to the of to which the report alludes applies, view," sometimes in the case of a can-

Politics in all probability will not eged endowment oath and argues that, make bedfellows of Arizona and New

> The President has proven that there are more ways than one of having one's way.

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because it has no slang or naughty

ony other place first is that the ticket

Dowie says he got his Eijah's mantle by degrees. It seems to have been longer in coming than it will be in go-

erly feeling for them that Cain had for

A Colorado judge holds that corporations can commit no crime. Perhaps the same court would hold that they never commit outrages.

weeping for these victims of fiendish

Secretary Taft has prepared a bill which Senator Warren has introduced for him to get rid of inefficient officers and facilitate promotions in the army. enacted into law. But so long as favoritism and not merit rules in making many appointments and promotions, the army will be overburdened with inefficient officers.

in the adoption of western civilization and adapts her system of jurisprudence and her modes of judicial procedure to western ideas of justice, her tribunals is now shown to those of Japan," says the New York Sun. When China shows herself to be a nation of fightnow shown to those of Japan."

glomeration of sea sand and lime-was responsible for nearly all of the earthtecture of the imperial university of Tokio and one of the most distinguished members of the committee disgovernment to investigate the effects quite as much truth as poetry,

eral excellent short stories. Among these are: "The Elusive Mrs. Dickerman;" "The Oysterman Below;" "When Dolores Came;" "Booming these are: "The Elusive Mrs. Dicker-man;" "The Oysterman Below;"
"When Dolores Came;" "Booming Henrietta;" 'Mr. Capper's Dog," and "The Duffer." Among the notable ar-ticles are part second of "The Pittfalls and Triumphs of Mining Speculation."
"Twixt Sword and Glove," Archibald Gunter's novel, is continued. of the Hour, are entertainingly dis-cussed. The illustrations are very good, and the cover design gives the publication a very attractive appearance.-3 E. Fourteenth St., New York.

The Business Philosopher is a little full of brief, breezy articles on prac-tical topics, the kind that will make "Law and Luck," "Ideals of Growth and Success." This is accompanied by a fine portrait of Abraham Lincoln. The magazine is devoted entirely to public, Chicago

paper by Paul Cowles, of the Associated Press, on "What Really Happened." This is a graphic description of the great catastrophe, coplously illustrated. It is followed by a paper entitled "The Trembler," a personal narration by Mary Austin. This is also well filus-The Earthquake at Stanford University" is descirbed by David Starr Jordan. There are several other notable contributions on the subject, and the entire disaster is depicted with strict regard to the facts.-217 New

The following is the list of contents of Young's Magazine for July: "The Death Watch," Gabriele D'Annunzio. "Him that Delighteth in Wickedness," E. A. Church: "That Protecting Edith M. Blanchard; "Master and Miscreant," Aloysius Coll: "A Drawing Room Duet," Mathilde Serao: United States Senate.

"The report finds that polygamy is etill practised by many Mormons with the connivance of the apostles or rules are spirits at will, or command departed the connection of the apostles or rules are spirits at will, or command departed the compense,"

It has, in the resulty of the unseen world.

If by "spiritualist" is meant one who believes he has the power of calling up spirits at will, or command departed the compense, "A Tight Place," Constance Cameron. "When Woman Trusts Man," Julia E. Mahnal; "The End of the Line," George Ethelbert Walsh; "The Recompense,"

M. A. Brady; "A Rope and a Tree," John Kenneth Turner; "The Chevaller D'Ceventes," Chas. W. Cuno: "The One "The Chevalter Who Confesses," Frank N. Selser,
"Aziza of Barbedur," Bruce Bartow;
"At the Sign of Eros," Waiter Pulitzer,
"Gulder's Tragedy," Lydia F. Peaster;
"On Broadway and Off." "For the Honor of the Bellfairs," Ralph Johnson; "The Proposal of Barron," John F. Diflon; "Affaire D'Honneur," Mary Alden Carver, and "The Autumn of Love," Walter Pulitzer,—114 E. 28th St., New

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"Dishonest mortar-a corrupt, conquake damage in San Francisco, says Dr. T. Nakamura, professor of archipatched to that city by the Japanese of tremblor and fire, A pretty broad indictment, containing, most probably,

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Gunter's Magazine for July has sev-

magazine that can be hearfily recom-mended to all, for everyone will find in it some helpful suggestions. It is "a man stupid become a man in-spired." Among the topics discussed in the June issue are the following: The Latest in Business Banquets, ciples determining the revolution of success."-The Science Press, The Re-

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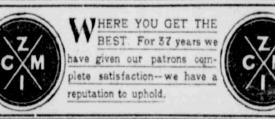
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